

## HE BLUFFED THE KING.

How an American Electrician Got His Money from Thievish Officials.

The only American in the service of the King of Corea who was paid up promptly at the beginning of war troubles was the king's electrician, Thomas W. Power, a young Washington man, who was just about completing the putting of an electric light plant into the palace. His majesty is very much afraid of assassination. He has two great palace cities, each of which contains between 500 and a thousand acres of buildings, and which are about two miles apart. Mr. Power had put 2000 incandescent lights into these palaces, and hundreds of them are kept blazing from 5 o'clock in the evening until 6 o'clock in the morning. His majesty does all of his business at night, and he never sleeps in the dark. He goes almost crazy if he doesn't have light, and his situation is really so dangerous that he can't afford to do without it. So writes Frank G. Carpenter in the Chicago Times Herald.

The light plant which has been put in is one of the finest in the east. It came from America, and was so well put up by Mr. Power that one of the dancing girls could have run it. The Coreans, in fact, had been managing the machinery for several weeks, and the officials thought that the light was complete, and those to whom the king had handed the money for Mr. Power held it back and refused to give it to him. He protested and waited for a few days. They showed no signs of paying his salary until, at last, one night when the king was in the midst of his state business with his officials about him the lights went out. Couriers were at once dispatched to the plant, and the Coreans in charge were asked what was the matter. They could not tell. They pointed to the machinery. It was running beautifully, but there was no light. Mr. Power, I was told, had merely disconnected the dynamo by taking out a hidden screw, which left the wheels running as usual, but which produced no light. The king was enraged at his officials, but not at Mr. Power. He knew nothing about the salary having been kept back, but he simply told the high Corean noble who had charge of this department that if the light was not at once produced his head would be chopped off. This would also necessitate the cutting off of other heads, and within an hour Mr. Power's money was in his hand and he had a lot of Corean nobles on their knees about him begging him to use his magic and bring the light back to the king. He held off for a time, but was finally persuaded, and having turned the Coreans out of the light plant he inserted the screw, and presto! the palace blazed with the rays of electricity. There was no trouble after this about Mr. Power's salary, and he steadily grew in influence. He had charge of the king's armory and repaired his Gatling guns. He was about to build an electric railroad from Seoul to the Han river when the present rebellion broke out and everything stopped.

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Passed in the South Seas by a Vessel Now in Honolulu.

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